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MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL

USING THE SAME

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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